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SUBJECT: FUEL SHORTAGES - INTERNATIONAL AVIATION

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED FUEL SITUATION IN UK AND HOW IT
MAY AFFECT INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES WITH BRITISH
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA) OFFICIALS WHOSE
ROLE WILL BE THAT OF ADVISORS TO DEPARTMENT OF
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TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) WHICH HAS OVERALL

RESPONSIBILITY ON ENERGY MATTERS' WE WERE TOLD THAT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HELD BETWEEN DTI AND CAA ON THE AVIATION FUEL SITUATION. IT WAS CLEAR FROM OUR CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, THAT UK THINKING IN THIS AREA NOT VERY FAR ALONG. CAA FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT AT THIS STAGE THEY DO NOT KNOW WHETHER AVIATION FUEL RATIONING WILL BE REQUIRED OR, IF REQUIRED, WHETHER FUEL CUTS WILL BE MODEST OR SERIOUS. THEY DID INDICATE THAT IF RATIONING INSTITUTED, ALLOCATIONS WOULD BE BASED ON AIRLINES' 1973 BUDGETED USAGE RATHER THAN 1972 ACTUAL USAGE BECAUSE LATTER NOT REGARDED AS VERY ACCURATE REFLECTION OF CURRENT OPERATIONAL AIRLINE NEEDS.

2. CAA OFFICIALS WERE OF VIEW THAT IN EVENT OF RATIONING, SCHEDULED SERVICE CARRIERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS SHOULD BEAR PROPORTIONATELY EQUAL SHARES OF CUTBACKS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE EXISTING COMPETITIVE BALANCE BETWEEN SCHEDULED AND SUPPLEMENTAL INDUSTRIES. IT WAS OBSERVED THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD LIKELY REDUCE TOTAL VOLUME OF PASSENGERS CARRIED BECAUSE WHILE SCHEDULED CARRIERS COULD CARRY SAME NUMBER PASSENGERS ON FEWER NUMBER OF FLIGHTS WITH HIGHER LOAD FACTORS, HIGHER PLANE LOADS NOT POSSIBLE IN CHARTER OPERATIONS. CAA APPEARED TO BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THIS AS CONSEQUENCE OF PROPOSED RATIONING POLICY.

3. BRITISH AIRWAYS ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT IT EXPECTS TO REDUCE ITS FUEL CONSUMPTION BY AS MUCH AS 10 PERCENT (ABOUT 80 MILLION GALLONS/YEAR) SIMPLY BY REVISING ITS OPERATING TECHNIQUES, I.E., FLYING HIGHER AND SLOWER, TWO-ENGINE TAXIING, ETC.

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